

WASHINGTON , Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) today introduced bipartisan legislation to

Principal sponsors of the bill are Reps. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), John Olver (D-MA), Steven C. LaTourette (R-OH)

The Medicaid Advanced Practice Nurses and Physician Assistants Access Act (H.R. 2716) would require

"In areas with a shortage of physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants can be more accessible

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"In terms of quality of care, patient satisfaction and cost-effectiveness, advanced practice registered nurses

Prior to 1997, federal law required state Medicaid programs to cover health care services provided by state

Currently, states have the option to deny Medicaid managed care coverage for primary care services provided

The bill would also require Medicaid managed care provider panels to include all advanced practice registered

Finally, the bill would expand Medicaid fee-for-service coverage for all nurse practitioners, clinical nurse

The bill is endorsed by the American Nurses Association, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

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